



Middle School

The Middle School offers a unique educational program for middle school students in grades 6 through 8 based on purposeful connections between individuals, communities and the environment. Greenspire is an independent public charter school authorized by Grand Valley State University and is located in the Grand Traverse Commons. Greenspire incorporates the Montessori philosophy with place and project-based, environmentally focused education in a multi-age environment.

Overview

2022-2023 Enrollment	121
Full Time Staff	18
Class Sizes	18-19
Student/Staff Ratio	10:1
Certified Staff	15
Calendar Year	September to June
Daily Start & End Times	8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Half Days	8:30 to 11:30 am
Transportation	Not Provided
Food Service	Not Provided

Weekly Schedule Breakdown

Course / Activity	Meetings Per Week	Hours Per Week
Math	5	3.75
Science	4	3.00
Social Studies	4	3.00
Literature & Speech	4	3.00
Physical Education	3	2.25
Outdoor Education	2	2.25
English Language Arts	3	2.25
World Language	2	1.50
Community Connections	2	1.50
Electives	2	1.50
Health	1	0.75
Environmental Stewardship	1	0.75
Current Events	1	0.75
Speech	1	0.75

Council and Advisory

Each day begins with either a whole school no-agenda meeting (council) or small group advisories. Both are used to foster a sense of community at Greenspire utilizing different approaches to engage as many students as possible. Councils and advisories play an important role in daily life at Greenspire and provide some of our best memories and most effective teachable moments.

Community Connection

Community Connection time provides our students with an opportunity to directly interact with our greater northern Michigan community on a regular basis. We utilize this time each week to invite guests into school - from speakers to musicians to artists to activists. We also use Community Connection time to engage in service work throughout the area as well as build community on our campus.

Electives

Students can choose up to two (2) 45-minute electives every 9 weeks. Although ever-changing, electives typically include art, cooking/culinary, music, gardening, reading and/or creative writing, wildlife exploration, competitive team sports, hiking, sledding and much, much more.

What is Greenspire?

The Greenspire Middle School is the perfect place for those students and families that embrace...

Project-Based Learning – The ability for students to participate in cross-curricular collaboration, hands-on instruction, and experiential learning.

Outdoor Learning – Students are provided an authentic learning experience in nature by developing their knowledge of and connection to it.

Intellectual Engagement – Our inquiry-based experience in multi-age classrooms provides students with the academic rigor that will prepare them for high school.

Whole Child Education – Our students participate in leadership development and social-emotional learning activities that help to develop their independence.

Community Involvement – Our students develop meaningful relationships by making real-world connections with our community through guest speakers and service projects.

If you would like to schedule a tour of our campus for your family, please visit our website at <https://greenspireschool.org/apply-middle-school/> to learn more!